maximum indigenisation already exists for ground systems like antennas, displays and many electronic components. In the launch vehicle area also, maximum indigenisation has been achieved in areas like propellants, chemicals and materials. which are obtained from Indian sources, based on ISRO/indigenous knowhow. Efforts have also been made to develop certain critical materials like Beryllium. Maraging Steel, etc.. in the country. A major programme for indigenisation of electronic components has been in existence, in which ISRO interfaces with major industrial units both in public and private sectors for indigenisation of space quality electronic components.

Pak spy and nationals nabbeed on border lines

1314. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Pakistani spies or Pak nationals who were nabbed while crossing the border lines of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir during the year 1985-86;

(b) how many of them were killed and injured by Indian Defence Force during the same period; and

(c) whether they have crossed this side for sabotage or other subversive activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) 331 persons were apprehended by the security forces during the period 1.1.85 to 31.3.86 when they had crossed the border. Out of them, 25 are suspected to be spies.

(b) One intruder was killed as a result of exchange of fire with the Indian Army. 44 intruders were killed by BSF.

(c) the apprehended persons were handed over to the State authorities concerned for investigation and necessary action under the law.

Financial assistance by the Indian Companies abroad to the Terrorists

1315. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent press reports to the effect that some Indian companies abroad have been providing financial assistance to terrorists; and

(b) whether the matter has been investigated into and necessary remedial steps have been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The Government has been the Hindustan Times report of 29th March. 1986 regarding donation by a Public Sector Company to the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO).

(b) The Government does not consider the Palestinian Liberation Organisation as a terrorist organisation. On the contrary India has accorded diplomatic recognition to PLO. The contribution made by the company was for cultural and not for political purposes.

Study made by the National Council of Applied Economic Research

1316. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 6th April, 1986 which referred to a study made by the National Council of Applied Economic Research which pointed out that in future while the lot of the poor would improve, many among those who are not poor might become poor; and